recommendations made in the IPCCI meeting for promoting trade including liberal issue of visas to businessmen.

(e) The interaction will help to promote trade and economic co-operation between India and Pakistan which cannot be quantified.

Concessions to EOUs

724. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to extend hundred per cent concessions to the Export Oriented Units (EOUs), which are available to the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) at present;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and since when; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to get exemptions from the various States for State level taxes in favour of thes EOUs/SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Scheme of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are two separate schemes of the Government to promote exports. The concessions provided under the two schemes are different.

(c) State Governments were requested to exempt EOUs and units of SEZs from levy of State level taxes. Most of the State Governments have already exempted EOU/SEZ units from the levy of State level taxes.

Lifting of ban on Indian items by Pakistan

725. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a confidence building measure, Pakistan lately cleared atleast 73 items that it had banned for imports from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;